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OBSERVERS BELIEVE DEPLETION OF WAR SUPPLIES
MAY BRING CHINESE WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREA

Tokyo, 4 October (PANA-Hapdong) -- According to a Japanese observer who has kept a close watch over the rise of Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese Communist Party hopes to "wash its hands" of the Korean muddle, now that it has accomplished its objective of intervention in the Korean conflict. This observer listed the following factors to support his view:

1. The CCP stockpile of military supplies, which the US had sent to the Chinese Nationalist Army but which later fell into the hands of the Chinese Communist Forces when they overran China, has been completely depleted as a result of participation in the Korean War.
2. One of the underlying reasons for the Chinese intervention in Korea was to kill off the former Nationalist troops in the CCF, and this purpose has already been achieved.
3. The CCP gained prestige in the eyes of the neighboring countries of Southeast Asia when it sent its army into Korea. To retain that prestige there is no need to prolong the military engagement.

Other observers believe that the Peiping regime is more concerned with the effects of the Korean war on domestic sentiment than with the Korean War itself. It has been conscripting many anti-Communist students and considers the Korean affair only subordinate to domestic problems.

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